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MEETING, COPENHAGEN SEPT. 13-15.

REF: STATE 126483, HARRIS/BLOOM LETTER, JUNE 25.

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, EMBASSY SENT LETTER DATED MAY 24 TO DR. KEISHIN MATSUMOTO OF MITI, ENCLOSING LETTER FROM RAYMOND FIELDS INVITING PARTICIPATION OF A JAPANESE OBSERVER AT THE THIRD CCMS SOLAR ENERGY CONFERENCE IN COPENHAGEN. MATSUMOTO DID NOT REPLY TO THE LETTER NOR TO FOLLOW-UP CALLS TO HIS OFFICE. UPON RECEIPT OF REFERENCED LETTER, WE REITERATED INVITATION TO MS. AYAKO KUWAHARA, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL R AND D COOPERATION IN MITI. SECOND LETTER OF INVITATION DATED JULY 9 ENCLOSED ABSTRACT OF HARRIS LETTER, AND INDICATED STRONG U.S. INTEREST IN HAVING JAPANESE OBSERVER AT THE MEETING. KUWAHARA HAS NOW INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOJ WOULD NOT RPT NOT SEND OBSERVER TO COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE. SHE CITED BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS AS REASON FOR DECLINING INVITATION. SHE ALSO SAID THAT HER OFFICE

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WAS INVOLVED IN ANOTHER CONFERENCE AT THE SAME TIME

AS THE COPENHAGEN MEETING AND THAT EVEN IF MONEY WERE
AVAILABLE, LACK OF AVAILABLE PERSONNEL WOULD LIMIT
PARTICIPATION IN ANY OTHER MEETINGS.
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